

**IN THE UNITED STATES OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Confirmation No.	:	9401
Applicants	:	Wojciechowski, et al.
Application No.	:	10/501,366
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Title	:	SELF-PIERCING FEMALE FASTENER, METHOD OF FORMING A SEALED FEMALE FASTENER AND PANEL ASSEMBLY
Examiner	:	Christopher M. Koehler
Group Art Unit	:	3726
Docket No.	:	60,152-1074

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2006. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.